

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of : **Box: Patent Applications**  
Dominique COMMEREC et al. : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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For: CATALYTIC COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS FOR OLIGOMERIZING  
ETHYLENE, IN PARTICULAR TO 1-HEXENE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 1,**    **Line 1:**    Delete "characterized in that it is".  
                    **Line 8:**    Delete "formed by" and insert --consisting of--.
- Claim 2,**    **Line 1:**    Delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.  
                    **Line 2:**    Delete "formed by" and insert --consisting of--.  
                    **Line 3:**    Delete "or" and insert --and--.
- Claim 3,**    **Line 1:**    Delete "or claim 2, characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.
- Claim 4,**    **Line 1:**    Delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

**Claim 5,**      **Line 1:**      Delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

**Claim 6,**      **Line 1:**      Delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and insert --claim 1--.

**Claim 7,**      **Line 1:**      Delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.

**Claim 8,**      **Line 1:**      Delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1--.

**Claim 9,**      **Line 1:**      Delete "any one of claims 1 to 8" and insert --claim 1--.

**10.**    (Amended)    [An ethylene oligomerization process using] In a process of oligomerizing ethylene in contact with a catalyst, the improvement wherein the catalyst is a catalytic composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.

**REMARKS**

A principle purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiply dependent claims and the fee associated therewith, Applicants reserving the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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